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Recently we have all seen the devastating fires that have resulted in loss of life and severe injuries. I am not going to even try to write an article on fire safety but instead I have found a guide for you to review. There are many articles on fire safety. Take time to read some of these and as we always say think safety.

The biggest problem for all of us is not being aware of our surroundings. Know were you are and were the exits are. Evacuation plans are something to think about even at home. Get into the habit to think about your surroundings. Quickly scan the environment. What is your best route in case there is a problem? If you are with others or at home do you have a meeting place outside away from the building?

Every time you go somewhere look around for the exits and possible escape routes. In the case of the recent tragedy, which is still under investigation, the fire spread very quickly and that most tried to exit through the one main entrance. Find out where the exits are! Not just the entrance where you came in. Look around!

Be safe! Think Safety!

In the following articles there are references to their local department numbers. Disregard any of these references and phone numbers.

Home Fire Safety http://www.ou.edu/oupd/fireprev.htm

And

Everything you wanted to know about fire safety but were afraid to ask http://www.ou.edu/oupd/fireprim.htm

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